

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 555
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Campbell
"W. C." Rowe of Jonesborough.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William Campbell "W. C." Rowe; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rowe was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, William Campbell Rowe was born in Johnson City on August 4, 1929, the youngest of three children born to James Emery Rowe and Ocy Swartz Rowe; and

WHEREAS, in the winter of 1938, the Rowe family moved to Jonesborough and opened a country store known as Mayberry Grocery; growing up in country groceries helped W. C. Rowe develop a strong work ethic and appreciate the value of a dollar; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from La Mar High School in 1948, W. C. Rowe worked for his father's business, The Produce House, supplying chickens and eggs to U.S. Steel Company as part of a contract to feed coal miners in Kentucky and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rowe began his career at Home Federal Savings and Loan in 1970, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his positive personality; he served with acumen and alacrity at the bank until his retirement in 1991; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant and consummate gentleman, W. C. Rowe was first elected to the Washington County Commission in 1990, and he was serving his fourth term at the time of his passing; he also served on the Economic Development Council and was a member of Civitan International for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rowe was an active and devout member of Jonesborough United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the Chancel Choir and Open Door Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, W. C. Rowe was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, for forty-three years, William Campbell Rowe enjoyed the loving companionship of his first wife, the late Kathryn Ford Rowe, and he was also preceded in death by his parents, James Emory Rowe and Ocy Swartz Rowe, and his brother, Roy Rowe; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rowe is survived by his loving wife of ten years, Elaine Rowe, and he was the proud father of daughter, Jill Bonnevier, and son, Bill Rowe Jr.; he is also survived by a sister, Frances Keen and her husband Harold Keen; three nephews, Jimmy Martin and his wife Judy Martin, Roger Rowe, and Randy Rowe and his wife Kirsten Rowe; one niece, Marsa Nidiffer; and several adoring great nieces and nephew; and

WHEREAS, W. C. Rowe leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Campbell "W. C." Rowe, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of William Campbell Rowe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.